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## Civil Rights Meet in Washington Sets Action Stage

LeRoy Broughton, administrator, Personnel Division, Helena Headquarters, recently attended the fifth annual midwinter civil rights workshop in Washington, D.C. The conclave was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Delegates took particular note, Broughton reported, of the keynote address given by Norbert T. Tiemann, Federal Highway Administrator.

Tiemann briefly touched upon the energy situation and then plunged into the subject of his talk. "-- There is another area," he said, which also cries out for quick and effective action -- and that is the implementation of civil rights and equal employment opportunity. There has been far too much delay already, and we can afford no more.

"Back in 1969, following hearings that it held, the Senate Subcommittee on Roads publicly stated the following -- and I quote:

"The Federal Highway Administration and the State Highway Departments, as the supervising government agencies, have a leadership responsibility in carrying out positive equal employment opportunity programs; therefore, the employment practices of these agencies themselves should reflect the highest level of performance.

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Pictures we like—probably a Garry Wunderwald exercise in catching the last blessed contribution of winter, prior to the warming touch of spring in Montana.

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## Billings

James Young

Bud St. John, maintenance supervisor I, announced that about 55 maintenance employees attended the first aid training classes. Three one-day sessions were held, two in the American Legion Club in Billings, and one in Hardin.

Mark Chamberlain, former employee, was injured when he drove his snowmobile under a wire fence.

Merritt Chamberlain, Mark's brother, was in the office the other day and gave us a report on the accident. "Mark was lucky," he said. "His throat required many stitches. One vocal cord was partly cut and the juglar veins were at the edge of the cut." Mark is home and doing well.

Bill Contreraz, draftsman in the design section, resigned the end of December to accept a similar position with Worth and Associates

on Grand Avenue in Billings. We all wish Bill lots of luck.

Don Taylor, bridge engineer, has returned to Billings. He will be assigned to the new bridge crossing the Yellowstone River near Reedpoint.

All employees extend sincere thoughts and words of sympathy to Bumps Learn on the loss of his father, Glen Learn. Mr. Learn had been a patient in a Billings nursing home for the past several years. Glen

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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

## Plaque for a Winning Film— "Explore Old West Trail Country"



Josephine Brooker of the Montana Advertising Department, Helena, accepts the winner's plaque from H. Werner Buck, producer of the Sports, Vacation and Recreational Vehicle Show (Jan. 4-13), during Travel Film Festival awards luncheon at Anaheim (Calif.) convention center. Film, entitled "Explore the Old West Trail Country" won Category 1 of Festival for films entered by a government agency. It was entered by Montana-Dakota Utilities and U.S. Travel Service and produced by Henkel Graff Productions of Helena.



## More Simplicity in Signs—

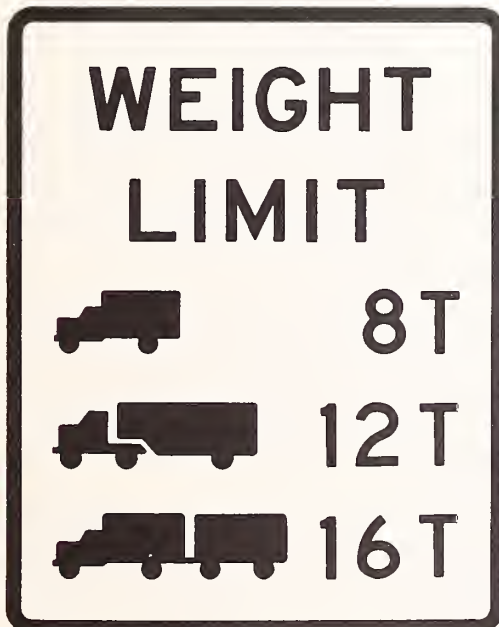
### NEW GRAPHICS

A new information symbol sign to indicate maximum truck weight limitations by type of truck unit (Single, tractor-trailer, and double-bottom) has been developed by the National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and approved by the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The new black on white sign provides for a graphic display of truck unit types, weight limits for each type unit, and a legend indicating the gross weight limit where needed for enforcement purposes.

Specifications for this new sign are contained in a supplement to the FHWA's 1972 Standard Highway Signs booklet which provides standard drawings and dimensions for highway signs as a means of promoting uniformity of design throughout the United States.

Interested traffic authorities, trade associations and organizations involved in the fabrication, installation and maintenance of traffic signs may obtain the detailed drawings and dimensional information by contacting the FHWA's Office of Traffic Operations, Traffic Controls Systems Division (HTO-21), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.



Left to right: Milton Smith, President Consultant Engineers' Council; Governor Judge; Don Harriott, Engineer-Mayor of Helena; and Edward A. Nurse, President, Montana Society of Engineers.

## Engineering Event Celebrated as "Greatest Energy Resource"

In a proclamation signed early in February, Governor Thomas L. Judge declared the period of February 17-23 to be Montana Engineers' Week, based on the Theme, "Engineering—Our Greatest Energy Resource." The annual event will be observed this year in the Montana Club, Helena, with Dr. Lloyd Berg of Montana State University, as the featured speaker Saturday night, February 23rd.

Present during the signing were: Milton L. Smith, president Consultant Engineers' Council; Governor Judge, Don Harriott, Mayor of Helena and a Professional Engineer; and Edward A. Nurse, president Montana Society of Engineers.

The full text of the Governor's Proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS, The State of Montana wishes to bring recognition to the Professional Engineer for his contributions to maintaining and improving the environment of Montana, and;

WHEREAS, the period of February 17-23, 1974, has been set aside as National Engineers' Week based on the Theme, "Engineering: Our Greatest Energy Resource", and;

WHEREAS, The engineers of Montana and America are ready with their knowledge and skill together with new technology to design innovative, effective and economical facilities that will provide the better environment which all desire, and;

WHEREAS, All members within the engineering profession and civic and educational groups responsible for Montana's well being are invited to participate, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the state of Montana, do hereby proclaim February 17 through 23, 1973 as

MONTANA ENGINEERS WEEK  
in recognition of the contributions of the professional engineer.

**REMINDER—  
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**BOWLING TOURNEY**

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was well known throughout the state. His many friends will miss him.

Don Favero, R/W field review appraiser, attended a Right of Way seminar at Eastern Montana College in January. Bill Meinhardt, R/W agent, attended a 54-hour Real Estate Seminar at Carroll College in Helena a short time ago.

Clarence Walth, right of way office coordinator and his wife Gale, have moved into their new home at 1235 Terry — A house warming is in order. Clarence would like all to wait until the plumbing is installed!?

Bob Ewing, field project manager II and crew have started an 11-mile location on the Hardin-Sarpy secondary. The new location will begin at the end of the present oiled road about 20 miles east of Hardin and will end at the Big Horn and Treasure County Line.

C.O. Gransberg, field project manager II and crew have completed a short survey on the Belfry-Wyoming line road. This location was for the design of a new irrigation pipe crossing just south of Belfry.

Walt Reichenberg, field project manager I and crew have been fighting the cold weather, wind and hills near Red Lodge and Bear Creek, picking up additional field data for the Red Lodge-Belfry secondary project under design in Billings.

From the reports, all employees who attended the Billings Christmas party felt that it was the best one ever held. Our compliments to the hard working committee.

Six employees add seventy years service time to the State. Calvin Lavold, 20 years; Jerry Helzer and Jim Stoner, each with 15 years; Jim Tompkins, 10 years; Sharon Graham and Dennis Emmerick with 5 years each.

As at FHWA, the chief civil rights official in every State Transportation or Highway Department should be a staff assistant of the department's top executive with direct and easy access to him. In other words those States that have not done so must upgrade the stature of their Civil Rights and EEO offices so that they will have true significance and influence.

"What the Civil Rights and EEO programs are all about is a real concern for the rights of all of our citizens, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. But concern is not enough; it must be converted into accomplishment.

"We do not need any additional laws, regulations or procedures—we already have all we need to do the job. But we do need to implement them, to make them meaningful.

"Secretary of Transportation, Claude S. Brinegar, has put himself emphatically on record as determined to pursue this matter of civil rights and equal employment opportunity throughout the Department of Transportation—as did his predecessor, John A. Volpe.

"As for me, I have already officially expressed my complete support of these efforts. I reiterate this to you here today.

"In addition to my personal commitment to this program of civil rights, my administrative responsibilities require that I take affirmative action in this regard. Regrettably, we are far behind, and we must immediately start to do better—much better.

"I am depending upon our Civil Rights Director, Jake Gaither, to make certain that civil rights and EEO receive the affirmative support required by law and my personal commitment.

"I also have given our Office of Civil Rights staff support to enable it to fully implement this program. I strongly urge your representatives from the State transportation and highway departments to do the same.

"Now, as Benjamin Franklin observed, 'Well done is better than well said,' so let us get on with the doing."

## Civil Rights Meet in Washington

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Minorities should be employed in all categories and grade levels of agency activity for which they are qualified. In the event that few qualified applicants are available, these agencies must undertake training programs which will enable unemployed and underemployed people to participate in the overall program. The hiring of minorities in the administration of equal employment opportunity work alone is not sufficient."

"Well, that is a pretty clear and forthright statement — and I do not see how any reasonable person could possibly take exception to it.

"After the Senate Subcommittee on Roads issued the statement, Alf Johnson, the Executive Director of the American Association of State Highway Officials, in July of 1969 called a meeting in Chicago of all State highway officials. At that meeting, AASHO — which now, of course, is AASHTO—committed itself to the civil right and EEO program of FHWA, and my predecessor, Frank Turner, began to prepare a solid foundation upon which

we could build our programs. And I think both of these famed highway leaders are to be commended for the contributions they made.

"Under the steady and sure guidance of Jake Gaither and his associates in our Office of Civil Rights, FHWA has made marked progress in establishing our civil rights and EEO programs. We think that now they are in pretty good shape.

### Some Good—Some Poor

"Some States have also done an excellent job in this area. Unfortunately, though, too many State have been derelict or desultory in their efforts. And this, in turn, has hurt the entire program . . .

"For one thing, in too many State Transportation or Highway Departments, the Civil Rights and EEO offices are located too far down in the organizational chart—and consequently, the counsel and comment emanating from them seldom reach the ears of the top officials in the department.



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## Kalispell

Loren Dollan



Loren Dollan

Everyone in the Kalispell division seems to be back to the normal work routine after the holidays. James Keithley, division construction supervisor, and his family traveled to Salt Lake and California over Christmas and New Years. Getting gas was no problem, Jim stated, but one station evidently wanted to stretch the supply so they sold Jim a tank of gas, water, and miscellaneous foreign materials. (Sold water? Wow!-Ed.)

The Victor Bakers visited their son in Denver and their daughter in Oklahoma.

Gerald Roat, project manager, seems to have his own personal "Old Faithful." Gerry was in charge of the recently constructed Ronan Scenic Turnout, and for the past two years on December 23 or 24, one of the holding tanks pops out of the ground, due to the water table, and lays an outhouse over on its side. As

far as we know, it was unoccupied both times.

Pat Taylor was absent from the office for a period of time while hospitalized and recuperating. Everyone is glad to see her back.

Keith Strobbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Strobbe, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Keith was aboard the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk when the disastrous fire occurred several months ago. Fortunately, Keith came through unharmed but with an experience he will never forget.

Edwina Donahue is a new addition to the division as a clerk typist. Welcome aboard.

Roger Ganiere, supervisor, field maintenance section at Bigfork and Ken McRae, mechanic in the Kalispell shop, have both reached their 20-year mark in the Department of Highways.

The Kalispell division had its flooding problems in January. Warm, heavy rains just didn't mesh with the deep snow pack in the higher elevations. U.S. 2 between Libby and Kalispell was closed for a short time when rising stream water covered the highway near Libby. The town of Troy was isolated for several days when bridge approaches on U.S. 2 washed out. All of the maintenance personnel did a fine job in coping with the situation. Some of the flooding even hit the division office basement area where All Fopp, the parts man works. It seems that

the cause was backed-up sewer water, and as Al says, it wasn't the storm sewer variety. Ray Mun-singer, Ken Chrisinger, Elden Gamache, Linda Miller and Jack Adamson were among those with temporary indoor swimming pools.

Lee Beatty, son of Marshall Beatty, division maintenance foreman in Kalispell, has received his permanent appointment and is stationed in Clinton.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Kenneth "Pete" Nelson, lab technician, whose wife, Darlene, recently passed away after a long illness.

Latest news bulletin—The other outhouse at the Ronan Scenic Turnout just went into orbit.

## Carpoolers—Good Idea to Check Insurance

Insurance regulations vary from State to State. If you are joining or forming a carpool, check your policy to be sure you and your potential passengers will be adequately covered.

Generally speaking, a carpool passenger is the same as any other passenger you may carry in your car and will be covered by your policy.

An exception can arise when one member of the carpool performs all the driving, charging the rest of the pool members a flat fee that does not necessarily reflect an exact share of the cost. In such a case the driver may be judged to be operating a "public livery conveyance" and his insurance may not adequately cover his passengers.

Ordinarily, however, when carpool members rotate driving, or otherwise operate on an actual cost basis, standard insurance is applicable.

In most cases a person who regularly drives to work pays a 15 to 40 percent higher premium than for a car used solely for pleasure. If only one car in a pool is used, premiums might be reduced on those cars left at home. These observations were carried in a recent release by the Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.



- ROAT'S OLD FAITHFUL -





Photographer, Marv Kalland, accompanied a department maintenance inspection team on a fast, bumpy, low level, tight-turning flight over the flood lands. This shows a washed-out structure on Secondary 482, south of Libby.

## *When the*



Here the camera looks down on U.S. 2 west of Libby.

Six Montana Counties were declared a flood disaster area recently, following the January 15-18 inundation. The counties involved were Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Glacier, Missoula, and Deer Lodge. Late in January, after a flying tour over the areas damaged by the rampaging waters, Governor Thomas L. Judge formally petitioned the President to invoke the Federal disaster Relief Act to provide supplemental disaster relief for the counties that bore the brunt of the deluge. As a result, \$2 million has been marked for the six counties, plus an additional \$1.2 million for federal roads and highways.

Participating in damage surveys were teams from the Corps of Engineers, Fish and Game Department, Federal Highway Administration, Montana Department of Highways, Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Health.

An on-the-spot reporting of flood stages was carried January 17th in the Superior Mineral Independent. Publisher James R. Howell gave permission to excerpt from the fast-moving story of a fast-moving flood.

"St. Regis- The school bus to Saltese and the West End left early Wednesday afternoon to return the children home before the highway washed away. A section of U.S. 10 between Lincoln's Silver \$ and McGee point was washed away to the center line about noon.

"Highway maintenance workers were attempting to rip-rap the road in order to save it for one-way





This is a view of the Fisher River and an about-to-suffer forest highway. Kalland indentified the shot as taken near the McKillop Creek which does not show in the photograph carried here. An overcast day hindered photography.

## Floods Came

traffic. Damage to other parts of the road, including the curve at Brimstone, indicated water was over the road.

"Opposite the Riverside Cafe, a bridge on the county road was threatened by high water. At Pinecrest, water surrounded the complex and was lapping at the cabin doors.

"The previous day, the eastbound two lane on Lookout pass was blocked by stalled trucks. Runoff coming down the roadway was over a foot deep in places. A front end loader was used to open high piled snow berms to let the water escape off the main part of the road. On Wednesday Lookout was in good shape, but traffic was halted because of flooding in the Idaho area. Roads at Pinehurst were under water and other valley bottom cities were preparing to evacuate low lying residents.

"In the Kootenai area of Libby and northern Idaho, schools were closing as high water invaded low regions. St Maries, Idaho, had high water.

"Downstream areas report flooding of streams in Washington and Oregon. Flood control storage dams are filling, the Northwest power pool shows reserves to provide electric energy in abundance.

"The Clark Fork River started to rise Tuesday and the cover of ice was lifted free and carried away in small pieces during Wednesday. Tributaries of the rivers flashed into fast runoff levels.

"Four inches of rain and melted snow had no where to go but into the streams. The ground is frozen and water cannot soak into the soil."



This is the same shot of U.S. 2, but looking east.



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## Lewistown

Bea Knerr



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The Old Year went out and the New Year came in just like any other year in the Lewistown division, with church bells ringing and dance bands playing Auld Lang Syne, and the people of the division doing their own "thing."

After forty-four years with the Highway Department, "Sharky" as he is better known, is having trouble staying away from the "office." He and his wife Gladys will be travelling to Arizona and many other points as yet unknown to start their retirement routine. They plan to spend some time with Milo and Leona Lahn and other friends, then back to Lewistown to be ready for the State Highway Bowling Tourney in Bozeman in May. Congratulations, Andy for a job well done.

Jack D. Riley, chief, field maintenance bureau of Glendive will take over the reins from A.E. Harcharik in the Lewistown division. Jack and his wife will make their home in Lewistown. Welcome to our "gang," Jack and Elizabeth.

Harold Gjerde, maintenanceman V retires after 25 years of dedicated service with the Lewistown division maintenance section. Leo Myers, maintenanceman IV will move up the ladder to take his place.

William Higgins, maintenance supervisor at the River Section transfers to Roundup to fill the vacancy of Thomas Charlton's retirement, therefore moving Lewis Harrell up the ladder to maintenance supervisor at the River Section. Congratulations to all of you.

The weather can be 40° below one week, then the next week the sun

comes out and the southwesterly wind takes ten inches of snow right down the drains, and 60° temperatures send the golfers right out to the tee. The old saying goes "If you don't like the weather in Montana, stick around, the next day will be different."

Snowmobilers and skiers in the Lewistown area are anxiously waiting January 26th and 27th, their annual Winter Carnival. They are also waiting and hoping for snow, as this mild weather has played havoc with their playgrounds.

Jack Parcel, division office engineer II has been house hunting in the Lewistown area. Locating one, he moved his wife, Faye and their two children to our fair city, from the Fairfield area. Welcome to our "gang."

The past few months we have seen a lot of changes made, with new faces coming to replace the retirees. We wish the retirees lots of luck and welcome the new employees to our "division family."

Enes W. Dale of Ryegate is on the sick list, spending a few days in the hospital in Billings. We all hope you will be as good as new soon.

The daylight saving time has its ups and downs, too. Personally I think it's for the birds, at least they have better sense than to get up in the middle of the night to start the day in the "dark." It is just like the "OLD INDIAN" who cut off the bottom end of his blanket and sewed on the top to make his blanket long enough to cover up his cold feet.

## Bozeman

Pat Letendre

A really big news item—OR—a really big pain in the neck (depending upon the person you're talking to) is the fact that five of the smokers in the office have joined the "I QUIT" club as of January 1. Dennis Williams, Bill Bailey, Ed Reiser, Del Schmitt, and Pat Letendre all laid aside the smokes and are faring quite well in all departments except weight. We're not sure yet, but an auxiliary organization may be added to the "I QUIT" club named something exotic like the "Highway Fatties Club." Oh well,

these are healthy pounds, they keep telling us.

Reminder . . . be sure to remember not to forget the dates of May 3, 4, & 5: the 13th Annual Bowling Tournament in Bozeman. Our committee has been working diligently lining up activities for all. Get your teams formed early and plan to win some prize money.

Longevity honors this time go to Bob Ricketts, manager-field project unit II, who received his 25 year pin in October. George Sitton, instrumentman, Livingston; and LeRoy Switzler, lab-tech 4, both earned a 20 year pin in January. In the maintenance department, Alvin Pierce, supervisor, field maintenance section at Carbella, has 15 years to his credit and two maintenance men 2, Archie Little of Big Timber and Chuck Rogers of Bozeman, reached the 10 year mark. Our 5 year pin recipient is Jay Bohan, maintenance man 2, Livingston.



Jim Brooks

Meet our genial supervisor of the Bozeman section, Jim Brooks. Jim has been working for the DOH 30 years as of August 1974. He is the second Brooks to put in quite a few years for the state since his dad, James A. Brooks (now deceased), worked 20 plus years for the Bozeman Section. Born and raised at Chestnut, 8 miles east of Bozeman, Jim and his wife, Orra, settled at Chestnut also. At his home Jim has a smoke house that does the most unbelievable job on fish, venison, wild turkey . . . you name it. The office force has had quite a few nibbles of finished products, so we speak from firsthand knowledge. Jim thoroughly enjoys hunting and fishing, and raised his son, Jim Jr., in the same fashion. We have seen many pics of paddle fish outings to



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back up this statement. Jim, Jr., and family live in Livingston, so the three grandchildren get to see Grandma and Grandpa often. Jim is our unofficial barometer . . . IF he buttons his shirt past number 3 buttonhole, you know it is cold; and if ever he were to be seen with his jacket zippered, you better just plain stay indoors.

## Helena-Hdq.

Bev Gibson



Dennis Buswell, data programmer, celebrated his birthday in January with a little help from his brother. Since Dennis is fond of airplanes, Chunky soup, and roller skating derbies, his gifts reflected those interests. The roller skates are fitted out with a brake in case he goes to fast; and if that fails, there is a grappling hook to throw out as a last resort.

Lynott F. (Charlie) Horan, chief, fiscal bureau, motor pool, retired February 1 after 40 years of service. Employees honored Charlie with an informal coffee party at the office. Mr. Horan came to work for the Department in April 1934 as a junior clerk in the equipment section of the maintenance and construction divi-

sion. He was born in Butte and attended the University of Montana at Missoula. He was promoted to chief maintenance clerk in 1938, junior bookkeeper in 1940, and bookkeeper in 1942. He left the Department in June 1942 to enter the U.S. Army and returned in 1949 as division office manager. He was named assistant equipment and plant manager in 1951, Helena shop office supervisor in 1963, and office manager in 1967. He was promoted to his present position in 1971.

Also retiring February 1 was Donald A. Williams, supervisor-statistics section, planning and research bureau after 32 years of service. Don was first employed in 1942 as a clerk in the equipment division. He was born in Seattle, Wash., and attended Carroll College. He is a veteran of World War II

having served in the U.S. Army. He transferred to planning survey in 1948. He was promoted to senior clerk in 1955 and Clerk V in 1957. He was named statistical supervisor in 1963, statistical clerk III in 1969 in accordance with the reorganizational chart, and supervisor-statistical section in 1972.

Don and his wife, Beverly, were honored at a retirement dinner-dance at the Elks Club.

Nine men have received their 25-year pins and certificates from the American Association of State Highway Officials. (Now AASHTO). They are Jack R. Beckert, Howard T. Buswell, Clarence J. Farry, Edward C. Miller, Gene F. Pfeiffer, Paul E. Poirier, Francis W. Toombs, John F. Van Vynck, and Stephen F. Weber.



Don Williams, at his retirement party, rises to get the bag, literally and figuratively. Note the golf clubs already on the table. H-m-m, seems as if it pays to retire, eh?

## Great Falls

Ciel Tinelli

Our Christmas party was held at Borries Dec. 21st. It was a buffet dinner with plenty of chicken, trimmings, spirits, music, and fun. Even Bud and Betty McGiffin came in from Polson to join us and to renew acquaintances.

We gals from the office had our Christmas luncheon at the Rendezvous Room. We exchanged gifts but couldn't get Elaine to model hers, a sexy shorty nightgown.

Gene Hodges is sporting a new cute Pinto, in a bright Highway orange: he won't tell us if it came

that way or if he repainted it out of true love and devotion to his work.

Service awards and pins were presented to a group of our boys by Jim Sullivan and Ray Wiley. Coffee and cake were served and Rick Fransen received a "Special Hassle Award," the only one of its kind, which I am sure he will cherish always.

Bob Trunkle spent Thanksgiving day in the hospital with blood poisoning in the hand. Bet he ate that old turkey just the same.

Our sympathies go out to Jean and Harry Strong and to Kathie and Ray Jacobson. Harry's father, who

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lived in Billings, died and was buried there and Kathie Jacobson's mother passed away in Butte.

Two Great Falls bowlers each rolled better than 700 in a doubles tournament which may be the highest score registered by a duo in Montana history. One of them was our Frank Robinson, field project engineer, who bowled a 711, and the other man was A.C. Aznoe who bowled 726. The two men had decided to bowl together at the last minute of the tournament, which was set up so that participants could switch partners and compete more than once, but finish in the money only once with the same partner. The manager of Little's Lanes said he had never heard of a higher doubles score being rolled in sanctioned play in Montana.

## Missoula

Clara Neely



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January should be long remembered in these parts. The weatherman has dealt us temperatures ranging from a minus 23 to a plus 40, in addition to large quantities of snow and rain, which we hope will give the energy crisis a reprieve. The floods wreaked havoc upon some of the highways, but they were quickly whipped back into shape by our persevering maintenance men. Then, too, there was the strike!

Gary Marin, Dave Milot and Ron Phillips have each completed ten years of service with the Department. Dean Klakken has completed fifteen years and Butch Hersman 30 years. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations are in order also for Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wright on the birth of a son.

Carroll and Charlotte Pinkley are knee-deep in wedding preparations for the marriage of their daughter, Dalynn Ann, who is to become the bride of Russell Slicker of Concord, California. A May wedding is being planned.

Dwight and Wilma Lohn have become grandparents for the first time, and it is a grandson, no less.

A.P. "Benie" Cyr retired on Dec. 31st after having been in the shop for nearly 27 years, first as a mechanic and then as working shop foreman.

The Jay Dubas spent the holidays in Phoenix, Arizona. You might know they did a lot of golfing while there.

Lois Baker's husband, Herb, has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home. If any of you know of reliable baby sitters, please contact Lois. It seems that Herb received such constant attention while in the hospital that he expects it to be continued since his release.

The Christmas party, sponsored by Local 1199, was a huge success. There was a large crowd from throughout the division, good music, and plenty of food and refreshments.

The crews have been moved back from Saltese and St. Regis, with the exception of Carl Smith and crew, for the winter months. We are almost becoming a village unto ourselves, what with the additional trailers having been brought in from the field for offices.

Sympathy is extended to the Darell and Lowell Bradshaw families in the loss of their father and grandfather.

## Miles City

Jean Sweeney

Jay George, supervisor, field maintenance section on Interstate 94 east and west of Miles City, retired December 31, after 36 years with the highway department at Miles City. A party was held in his honor Friday afternoon, December 28, in the division office. A huge cake with the inscription, "Happy Retirement, Jay, 36 years" was served. A combination fishing rod, a hand-tooled billfold, and a replica of the



Jay George

radio 3-ton truck he worked with was presented to Jay by his fellow employees. The back of the truck had money in it. Our best wishes to you, Jay, and your wife, Mary, for a long and happy retirement.

William J. Schmidt, supervisor, field maintenance section at Hillside, where he has been working for 26 years, has transferred to Miles City maintenance section replacing Jay George. Bill and his wife, Doris, are making their home at 509 Woodbury in Miles City.

Gordan Gould, maintenanceman II and helper to Robert Morgan, supervisor, field maintenance section has been promoted to supervisor, field maintenance section at Hillside maintenance section, effective December 31, 1973. Gordon and his wife, Nancy, along with their three children, are now living in the section house at Hillside.

Murr S. Isaacs, engineering aide II on Miles City construction has transferred to Miles City Maintenance as maintenanceman II. Murr replaces Gordon Gould as helper to Bob Morgan, supervisor, field maintenance section at Boyes, effective January 15 and he has moved his wife and baby son to Boyes where they are now living in their trailer home.

Gary and Linda Gran are the parents of a girl whom they have named Gina May and who was born January 16, in a Miles City hospital. She joins her sister Nicole. Gary is traffic recorder I in planning research bureau out of Helena.

Kurt L. Frette, Dave Macioroski, and Roger D. Neumiller, all engineering aides II, have transferred from Glendive construction to



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Miles City construction effective January 7. For the time being, they are continuing to live in Terry where they have been living and commuting. Dave and Kurt are working on Robert E. Swanson's crew and Roger is working on Delmer F. Borer's crew.

## Wolf Point

— Agnes Heser —

The new year has brought several retirements, a new employee and some transfers to our division, as well as other employees back to work after long holiday vacations.

C.N. "Snorkey" Diesen retired from the Department on December 14, with 27 years of service. A coffee party was held in his honor on that date and he was presented with an engraved agate-studded ash tray. Snorkey was first employed with the Department in 1946 at Froid, Montana and later transferred to Wolf Point. At the time of his retirement he was division stockman.

Palmer Roland, combination man in Wolf Point, retired from the Department on December 28 with 6 years of service. A coffee party was held in his honor, and the gang presented him with an engraved agate-studded ash tray.



Diesen



Roland

Arthur Harris, sectionman at Malta, who has been convalescing from a back injury, retired from the Department on December 28 with 21 years of service. The gang presented him with an engraved agate-studded ash tray. We would like to wish all three of these people lots of luck.

The annual highway Christmas party was held December 22 at the Elks Club in Wolf Point. We are happy to report we had a good turnout. A Tomas and Jerry hour was held before the party at the home of Ben Harada and comments were unanimous: the best ever. Dining and dancing were enjoyed by all.

We were sorry to hear that George Nelson was sick and in the hospital for about a month. He is now back to work and feeling fine. He and his crew moved from Malta to Glasgow and they are working in the Opheim area.

Wm. Peterson



William Petersen began working for the Department on January 7 as our new stockman. He and his wife, Marsha, have one son and moved here from Lewistown. We would all like to welcome him to the gang.

New transfers to the Wolf Point division are Darrel Meek, Ronald Arthur, James George and Victor Wolf. They transferred from the Glendive division and will be on James Baldwin's crew in Culbertson. Welcome to the gang.

Must have been son-in-law season. Dewey Novakovich's daughter,

Noreen, got married December 1 to Darrell Tolan and they are residing in Wolf Point. Arlie Fachner's daughter, Penny, was married on December 16 to Dave Rodli. They are residing in Missoula where he is attending his last year of school. After school they will be moving to Anchorage, Alaska.

## Glendive

— Nancy Siegle —

Receiving their 15 year pins were Jerry Kuester, division office engineer 1; John Birch, rodman and Duane Thom, instrumentman. Gil Paulson, working shop foreman; Ralph Lee, rodman, Donald Dann, maintenance supervisor in Flowing Wells and Bob Ley, truck driver U 5 T received their 10 year pins. Cliff Tennant, rodman received his 5 year pin. Gary Nentwig and Larry Wolf received their 10 year pins. Larry and Gary are both rodmen.

We have had a lot of transferring in this division the past month. Kurt Frette, Roger Neumiller and Dave Macioroski, all engineering aide II's were transferred to Miles City the middle of January. We also lost Vic Wolf, instrumentman, Jim George, engineering aide II, Darrell Meek,

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## Something New Has Been Added



Maureen McCormick, from Billings, shown at her desk for the new Montana Department of Highways Tourist and Information outlet located in the Lobby of the Northern Hotel in Billings. This outlet was set up February 4th and is gaining in acceptance daily.



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rodman and Rod Arthur, engineering aide II, to the Wolf Point division.

Gary Bennett, Jim Peterson and Leonard Grandlund were all released due to a cut in forces.

A little girl was born to Leon and Candy Eide the middle of November. Leon is an engineering aide II on Pat Kelly's crew. Their daughter, Kelly Jean, joins a big brother, Chris who is three.

LeRoy Norgaard, former highway employee, passed away on December 25 after a heart attack. LeRoy was employed in 1934 and retired in 1967 as a maintenance supervisor 2.

On the brighter side is a picture of Don Williams, division traffic engineer's car. Don wanted a radio installed in his car with a small antenna so he would not be so obvious. Well, Art Gehmert, radio engineer, with the help of the guys in the shop, designed a 6-foot antenna complete with a 4-screw metal plate at the base. (Take note of the call number.) Don nearly had a stroke



over this one but settled down considerably when he learned it was only a joke and his real antenna (only a couple feet high) would soon be installed.

Walt Miller, maintenance supervisor in Glendive returned to work January 21, after a few months off due to a back injury. We are glad to have you back Walt.

Jack Riley, chief, field maintenance bureau, was transferred to Lewistown recently to fill the vacancy of A.E. Harcharik and being from Lewistown myself I really do envy him. Jack will find that summer really is an enjoyable season with the good fishing and numerous mountain ranges to enjoy.

He'll also realize that August, although the hottest month of the year, is not quite so dreadful when in Lewistown, because of cooler daytime and nighttime temperatures. And the water—it has no taste! Jack was transferred to Glendive from Butte in April of 1965 as a project engineer and in May of 1967 was promoted to division maintenance supervisor. Jack's last day was January 18 and we wish him luck in his new venture.

The Terry Diegel family had a bout with the flu and bad colds, and Terry has been home with pneumonia for the past couple of weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bob Eggebrecht, office manager, has started finishing his basement and of course, first on the agenda is the bar. Bob's doing the room in boards (paneling) that he got off an old weathered farm house and it should prove to be very interesting.

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